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WHERE GOOD, HONEST OSAGES COME TO READ

Wind Farm Issues

There are three or four articles from past months on the Wind Farm issue at <http://barnsdalltimes.com/http://barnsdalltimes.com/category/osage-nation>. These articles are written by Louise Red Corn, owner of the Bigheart Times newspaper and they are very good articles.

After having had this brought to my attention in a post on the OSA (Osage Shareholder's Association) Forum, I have chosen to write yet another newsletter within a 12 hour period.

It is my opinion that Shareholders should consider protesting the spending of their money on this case. Suggesting that the Shareholders, with their highest degree of disapproval, send letters to John Red Eagle who has freely taken the protection of the Mineral Estate under his wing for the protection of the members of the Osage Nation (shareholder & non-shareholder alike) and delved into this legal frenzy with intent of paying for it with your royalty income approved by the Mineral

Council is setting yet another precedent that you frankly cannot afford to allow to happen.

I have made it clear in my posts on the OSA forum and in my newsletters that I am NOT a proponent of Wind Farms and not in favor of them cluttering up the Osage County landscape or devastating our wildlife. My family still has original allotment land consisting of nearly 1,000 acres of which I have walked from one corner post to another and all points in between due to my love for its beauty and nature and no I wouldn't want turbines destroying its beauty or value.

In my mind however, I can't justify thousands, tens of thousands, hundreds of thousands or possibly even a million plus dollars from your royalty income being thrown down the attorney fee drain when there are other more productive and creative ways to ensure that your mineral assets are protected. One good example would be in reference to Louise Red Corn's article in the Bigheart Times dated September 8,

2011 headlined: **“Ranchers urge tribe to fight wind”**

Well OF COURSE the Ranchers would urge the tribe to fight this case FOR THEM! The article begins by stating *“A group of ‘powerful’ ranchers in Osage County has issued a letter stating they are “strongly opposed” to industrial wind development in Osage County and urges the Osage Nation Minerals Council to “take immediate action to protect the land and environment of Osage County from these harmful and wasteful projects.”*

Louise's article goes on to say: *“The letter opposing wind development is signed by an influential group of ranchers: Ford and Frederick Drummond of the Drummond Ranch; Ron, Melvin and Jason Reed of the Reed Ranch; R.D. Farr of Osage Land and Cattle; Mike Justesen of Sooner Cattle Co.; John Hughes of the Hughes Ranch; Kent Trentman of the Trentman Ranch; and Jim Jacques of the Jacques Ranch. Together, the group is calling itself “Osage*

Fool me once?

The saying goes: “Fool me once, shame on you...Fool me twice, shame on me.”

What you have here is just like the article says, a powerful and influential group of Osage County ranchers who are “strongly opposed” to industrial wind development in Osage County and they have urged the Osage Nation Mineral Council to “take immediate action to protect the land and environment of Osage County from these harmful and wasteful projects.” The letter goes on to say: “These wind factories are a direct threat to ‘our’ land, ‘our’ environment, and the wide-open spaces of the tallgrass prairie we call home.”

Well.... You bet these ranchers are influential and powerful. I know most of them and have for many years. Others I have come to know in more recent years such as Mike Justesen of Sooner Cattle Company who leases our land today and has for several years. Sooner Cattle Company is owned by the Mormon Church and they own most likely millions of acres of land across the United States of American not to mention they are one of the most

financially lucrative organizations in the world. The Reed’s have ranched Osage County forever and just like the Drummonds, no doubt purchased most of their acreage shortly after the 1906 Allotment Act was passed at a dollar or two an acre from an original allottee.-----Maybe even your Great Grandfather or Great Grandmother....

So.... Many times we hear the (radical) Osage’s carry on about the Drummond’s mostly but all Osage County ranchers in general because they (the radicals) resent the ranchers owning what used to be the original surface land of the Osage Reservation. Well, that is a shame but those things happened due to the choices the original allottees made. You can rest assured if I had been alive at the time and was an original allottee, I would have been signing every contract for land purchase that came across my path because I would have had the headright income to build a heck of an empire, so you can’t blame the ranchers for legally purchasing what was for sale.

BUT... What you can AND SHOULD do is insist that Red Eagle and the Mineral Council drop this suit and let the “powerful and

influential” land owners fight this fight for you rather than the other way around. Have they (the ranchers) not already made a killing off the Osages without us dummied up and jumping at the chance to fight what they “strongly oppose” for them and at YOUR expense? I think so..... I mean.... You have to ask yourselves just what it is John Red Eagle and the Mineral Council are thinking or if they even think at all. Considering the fact that the Mineral Council members signed off on the Osage Trust Settlement Agreement should help you to understand that no...the Mineral Council does not think and if they do, their thinking processes are not inclined to think in a manner that is in the best interest of the Shareholders.

Another way of thinking about the Wind Farm issue is that Wind Capital Group has been notified by the Bureau of Indian Affairs regarding the Osage Mineral Rights. The minute they begin construction of the wind farm, they assume the risk of it failing due to the circumstances. What this means is, they know full well of the risks involved therefore, if at any given moment their equipment interferes with drilling, they have to dismantle without

recourse and at their own expense.

Fool Me Twice?

Taking these things into consideration, I again believe that the shareholders are going to have to take charge of their interests, by bypassing this Osage Nation Government and Mineral Council if they don't heed your opposition to this accommodation to the "powerful and influential" ranchers at your expense. This is your individual interest income in the Osage Mineral Estate and it is being squandered before your eyes. You have been sold out already from a potential 2.3 billion dollar recovery of 140 years of mismanaged royalty interest not to mention the grave and much more important loss of control of this estate. Exact repercussions of what you are experiencing right now with the wind farm debacle.

As I stated earlier in this letter: The Shareholders cannot afford to allow another precedent to be set when it comes to allowing the Osage Nation to authorize decisions for the Osage Mineral Estate. If

you're not willing to take charge, you're going to find out the hard way that allowing this to go on and on and on will not bode well for you in a court of law. It is essential that you send letters to the Osage Nation Government, especially Red Eagle and the Mineral Council in protest of actions such as these and it is particularly essential that you get verification of receipt of your correspondence and attach the verification to a copy of the letters. Keep your copies and proof of receipt in a safe place. These will be valuable as exhibits in court cases that are sure to result in these defiant acts of the law performed by the Osage Nation, the Osage Mineral Council and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

This government is not showing any signs of an attempt to follow the 1906 Act and the BIA is erroneously supporting the actions of this hostile takeover. Your only recourse is the Osage Shareholder (Jech) Lawsuit and you can most likely expect other suits to follow on your behalf for numerous other acts of harm caused

you by the actions or inactions of the BIA.

Don't let this end up being: "Fool me twice, shame on me."

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